

HOWLAND'S

Entrances on Main street, Fairfield avenue and Cannon street.

Bridgeport, Conn.,
Tuesday, January 5, 1909

The Weather—Rain and colder to night; fair and colder tomorrow.

A fur chance.



Fur coats, small fur pieces, muffs; all have been given new prices and are to be bought—if you are quick—at a big saving. It is time to clear such merchandise out. It is time when wearing-time is all ahead. It is ideal time to buy for actual service that is to be had. And yet, here are these new prices fixed; prices that afford splendid savings. Illustrations:—

Fine caracul fur coat, 26 inch, was \$47.50,—\$35.
Caracul fur coat, 45 inch, was \$67.50,—\$55.
Caracul fur coat, 50 inch, was \$85,—\$65.
Ponyskin coat, 30 inch, was \$37.50,—\$30.
Ponyskin coat, 30 inch, was \$45,—\$35.
Ponyskin coat, 36 inch, was \$47.50,—\$35.
Forty-inch ponyskin coat, was \$55,—\$42.50.
Ponyskin coat, 50 inch, was \$62.50,—\$47.50.
Ponyskin coat, 50 inch, was \$65,—\$50.
Ponyskin coat, 50 inch, was \$75,—\$55.
Black lynx shawl, was \$47.50,—\$37.50.
Black lynx shawl, was \$45,—\$35.
Black fox fancy shawl, was \$25,—\$16.50.
Black lynx throw, was \$15,—\$10.
Sable fox shawl, was \$20,—\$15.
Natural mink collar, was \$45,—\$27.50.
Throw of natural mink, was \$27.50,—\$20.
Squirrel ties that were \$6.50,—\$4.75.
This is but part of the story. It is all just as full of interest.

Second floor.

Spotted books.

From Harpers whose books are always good.

Spotted by water at the time of the big fire next door to Harpers. Not burned for only water got into the stock-room.

But the spots cut down prices woefully; they are to be had at 10c to 50c on each \$1 of value.

Plenty of attractive ones yet. Some of Mark Twain still, some of Lew Wallace and Mrs. Humphry Ward and Woodrow Wilson and Justin McCarthy and other equally well-known writers.

Damages averages less than a third. Prices average over half below usual.

Book-shop, near Fairfield avenue door.

Stylish good hair-goods.

Of latest styles. Of dependable quality. Carefully made. Attractive. Sold at prices that are less than you expect to pay regularly.

Marlowe puffs in set of eight,—\$1.25.

Cluster puffs, handsome,—\$1.85.

Puffs of good size, set of 4,—50c.

Single puffs, full,—50c.

Switches in light and dark shades, full and fine, 18, 22 and 24 inches long,—\$1.25 \$2.25 \$2.85.

Rolls, full size and all-round,—25c and more.

Third floor.

Pretty cottons for little.

American Printing company may well be proud of these printed cottons. The store is proud of them. Wearers may be proud of them.

Fresh and crisp and dainty, in tasteful patterns, in unlooked-for colors and designs; American prints are unique.

This week is their week at the store. They have center of the stage. They make fine appearance and folks are enjoying them. How much more they will enjoy wearing them!

5c 6c 7c

And every inch looks to be worth far more than its price.

Center of main floor.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

BIG FALLING OFF IN POPULATION

School Enumeration Shows Children Between Ages of 4 and 16 Decreased About 800.

Comparison of the figures of the last school enumeration in this city with that of the previous year shows that the business depression did much to thin out the population. The enumeration of children between the ages of 4 and 16 years in 1907 showed an increase of 871 over 1906, but the last enumeration recently compiled shows only the scant increase of 64 over 1907. Although the figures of the school board do not show any dropping off in the attendance of the schools it is apparent that a large number of children between the ages of 14 and 16 who are able to work have been moved out of the city.

The school enumerators found where many families with sons and daughters who were over 14 years of age, or who had been previously rated as such, had returned to their former home across the water.

While the school enumeration is low registration of children attending school last month shows an increase of 582 over December, 1907.

Number of names upon roll books of public schools:

December, 1908, 12,805
December, 1907, 12,223

Increase, 582

The school enumerations for the past three years are as follows:

1906—19,796.
1907—20,667—Increase 871.
1908—20,731—Increase 64.

The enumerators reported during their canvass of the city last year that there was over 1,000 vacant tenements and last night before the Common Council Thomas Arnold, Jr., a real estate authority, said there were nearly 2,000 vacant rents in Bridgeport and that there were nearly 1,000 more who were unable to pay their rent.

As the average increase in the school attendance is maintained the authorities say the only way to account for the falling off of the enumeration is that the children over 14 years of age who had to work have moved away.

President Signs

Bill Appropriating \$800,000 Relief Fund

(Special from United Press.) Washington, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt at 1:50 this afternoon signed the bill appropriating \$800,000 for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers.

Drug Clerk Undergoes Appendicits Operation

Henry P. O'Brien, son of Timothy O'Brien the well known mason contractor, and brother of Joseph A. O'Brien, the architect, was operated upon at St. Vincent's hospital yesterday morning for appendicitis by Dr. Godfrey assisted by the house surgeons. The young man was about the streets as usual on Saturday and was at work at Campbell's drug store on Park avenue, where he is employed as a prescription clerk, as usual on Sunday when he was stricken. Reports from the bedside of the young man this afternoon are very favorable, he having passed a restful night.

DIED

DINAN.—In Stratford, Jan. 4, 1909, Michael Dinan.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, Canaan Road, Stratford, on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. James' church at 9 a. m.

Interment at St. Michael's cemetery. A 4 b p.

PECK.—In this city, Jan. 4, 1909, David C. Peck, aged 81 years, 8 months, 12 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at his late residence, No. 472 State St., on Wednesday, 6th inst., at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Interment in Mountain Grove cemetery. A 4 b p.

PARFITT.—In this city, January 4, 1909, George Parfitt, aged 66 years.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the late residence of the deceased, No. 8 Wyllis Place, on Thursday, Jan. 7, 1909, at 2 p. m.

Interment at Mt. Grove cemetery. A 5 b p.

MONUMENTS

ARTISTIC—LASTING.

Plant operated by pneumatic cutting and polishing tools.

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300 STRATFORD AVENUE, R 19 1f

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—AT—

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Florists

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ROSES, CARNATIONS AND VIOLETS

FOR NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

JOHN RECK & SON,

985 Main St.

152 Oak St. Tele. 759-3.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DISTRICT OF BRIDGEPORT, ss. PROBATE COURT.

January 4, 1909.

Estate of Patrick O'Reilly, late of the town of Bridgeport, in said district, deceased.

The Court of Probate for the District of Bridgeport, hath limited and allowed six months from the date hereof for the Creditors of said Estate to exhibit their claims for settlement. Those who neglect to present their accounts, properly attested, within said time, will be deemed a recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

JAMES H. O'REILLY, Executor.

MRS. CAREY MUST RETURN MONEY

Fire Insurance Companies Waged Long Legal Battle Successfully.

Mrs. Sarah Carey of Kent must return \$4,200 to four insurance companies, Judge Reed in the Superior court today handing down a decision to that effect. Mrs. Carey's property was destroyed by fire due to a spark from a railroad locomotive. She sued the railroad company and recovered the amount of her loss, \$5,728. This was several years ago. She had first recovered from the Phoenix, the Continental, the Royal and the Commercial Union Fire Insurance Companies insurance to the amount of \$4,200, of which sum \$1,500 was paid her each by the Phoenix and the Commercial Union. Judge Reed holds that having previously recovered the full amount of the damage to her property from the railroad company she could not again recover for the same loss from the insurance companies.

Mrs. Carey will appeal to the Supreme court.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Communication Upon the Subject from President of the Board of Health.

Editor of Farmer:—

Sir—Referring to a recent editorial in one of our local papers, I feel obliged to take exception as a member of the Board of Health, to the apparent slurs cast upon the motives of our board.

"Apparently innocent proposals" grades seriously upon the motives of self-sacrificing men, devoting their time and energies to the accomplishment of a measure which practical experience has proven to be necessary.

The need of money asked to begin this work by our board necessarily reveals the fact that no daily medical inspection is expected. The method proposed is that usually adopted by cities of our size and such daily inspection is not considered necessary. That the usefulness of the measure does not commend itself to the public may be so where the public have not investigated as to results obtained. A very little study on the part of the public of these results will show that common sense commend this work.

A knowledge of the methods pursued in making the inspection as proposed in this city, convinces one that this work will not interfere with the other routine work of the schools. No "lightning" of diagnosis" will be required and that slow process of diagnosis referred to will in most instances be left as now, to the family physician. I say in most instances, for the reason that some cases would be diagnosed by laboratory work, e. g., cases of suspected diphtheria. While there is no SCHEME pertaining to "entering the thin edge of a very large wedge," yet this is but the beginning of work, which wherever it has been instituted, has met with the endorsement of the public, the superintendent of schools, teachers and parents in hundreds of cities and towns in our land. This "innocent proposal" does include the visiting nurse and that in to the homes.

What better means of teaching our large foreign population Americanisms, ideas of cleanliness and the application of hygienic laws could be obtained at so little expense. The nurse's valuable assistance in these matters is strongly recommended in many places, everywhere, in fact where they have been employed. The function of education as I understand it, is that of protection for the State. The State compels attendance in schools for forty weeks each year, from the age of five to the age of fourteen. It there lays out a course of study, found by experience to be best adapted to make for the good of its citizenship; this being the function or object of education, how important then that the State should realize "the sound minds in the sound body." To partially educate a thousand weakened, deaf, half-blind pupils, all of whom by a general supervision on the part of the State during these school years could have developed into strong, bright, healthy young men and women is an error.

Is this work not one of the most important functions of education, both individually and collectively for the State? This measure works for the return to the schools of the "children of an increasingly large number of people" and thereby "they will receive the benefits of taxes contributed," because many of the objections now apparent will be by this means eliminated. Wealthy places and poorer places than Bridgeport have experimented in this branch of education for years and so thoroughly has it proved itself upon all occasions where tried, that its adoption has become of national scope in England, Belgium, Germany, France, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Japan, the Argentine Republic and in the United States, the State of Massachusetts (all cities and towns). In fact in nearly every principal city of the United States, north, west, south and east, and in this State, New Haven, Hartford and Waterbury have medical inspection of schools.

Experimentation in this line began thirty-five years ago in Brussels, sixteen years ago Boston adopted this work and it has been in satisfactory operation in very many cities of the United States, for a period of ten years. Reports received from seventy-five cities of our country, outside of Massachusetts, shows that medical inspection of schools is considered proper, necessary, and satisfactory and has convinced me after two years of careful study, that practical results can be obtained by our boards, if the appropriation asked for is granted.

The bringing about of better sanitary conditions in the school rooms and buildings is the duty of the medical inspector. Facts and figures to corroborate or substantiate any assertions or generalities in the foregoing are easily obtainable and any questions that suggest themselves I will willingly try to answer.

GEO. EUGENE OBER, M. D., President of Board of Health.

CROWDS ATTEND OBSEQUIES OF MURDERED MAN

The funeral of John Michaelowicz, known here as John Mitchell, took place this morning at 9:30 from St. Cyril's Methodist Roman Catholic church at Crescent avenue and Church street. There was a large attendance. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Father Janku, pastor of the church.

Letters received from the old country to-day have shed more light upon the identity of the murdered man. Michaelowicz came to this country many years ago and obtained employment as a tailor with Adolph Hashek, who runs a shop at 511 East Main street. He came here from Hungary where his

parents still live. They are Slavonians but the murdered man always worked for Bohemian employers and thus became proficient in the Bohemian tongue. He could also speak Slavish and German. He afterwards learned the baker's trade and worked at it till he died. He was 25 years of age. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Michaelowicz still live at Strasse, Ninir St., Ungar, Austria. One brother and two sisters are living at the old home there. The family is Slavish but has lived in Hungary for many years.

Mr. Mashek, who was Michaelowicz's first employer here was his best friend and was largely instrumental in raising money to pay the funeral expenses.

The dead man was popular and his friends subscribed \$75.00 toward the funeral expenses which amounted to \$84.00. The remainder was subscribed by Undertaker Quaka and Mr. Synek. The parents have been notified of the death of their son and the friends here have promised to detect and punish his assailants.

NEW HEAD OF ST. VINCENT'S WAS AN ARMY NURSE

(Continued From First Page.)

Sister Alice who succeeds to the management of St. Vincent's is familiar with the work there, having been so closely identified with Sister Laura so that the change will in no wise effect the continued prosperity of the institution. Like her predecessor she is a lady of fine executive ability and her extended training as assistant to Sister Laura peculiarly fits her for the

WE ARE ALL READY WITH OUR Red Tag Sale

And With the Biggest Bargains You Ever Saw

Our Entire Stock of Ladies' Suits, Cloaks and Furs, Children's Coats and Dresses, Infants' Coats, Woolen Dresses and Caps

Marked down to half or a quarter and in many cases to less than a quarter of former prices

Neither this store and surely no other store in Bridgeport has ever done such genuine merciless price cutting as we have done for this sale. We have simply shut our eyes to cost or value of our entire stock of Ready Made Garments and cut the prices on new desirable seasonable goods to one-half—to one-quarter and to less than one-quarter of former prices.

We could not afford to risk our reputation for honest straightforward dealing by slipping into careless exaggeration, but the offerings are so extraordinary, the bargains so phenomenal and the price cutting so tremendous that too much could not be said about them.

When we say that we took suits that we sold for \$35.00 and \$40.00 and for which other stores would have surely charged \$50.00 to \$75.00 and marked them \$5.00 it does seem almost incredible, but that is just exactly what we have done and the suit you saw here yesterday at \$35.00 you are apt to find in the \$5.00 lot today.

Our entire stock of Suits and Coats offered in three big lots.

About 150 Suits and Coats, former prices from \$9.98 to \$35.00, at..... \$ 5.00

About 100 Suits, Cloth and Caracul Coats, former prices from \$20.00 to \$40.00, at..... \$10.00

About 50 Suits and Fur Lined and Caracul Coats, former prices from \$25.00 to \$50.00 at..... \$15.00

None higher.

Children's \$1.00 Woolen Dresses at..... 49c

Children's \$2.00 Woolen Dresses at..... 98c

Children's \$3.00 to \$5.00 Dresses at..... \$1.69

Children's and Infants' \$2.00 Coats at..... 98c

Children's and Infants' \$4.50 Coats at..... \$1.98

Children's and Infants' \$6.00 Coats at..... \$3.98

Children's and Misses' \$10.00 to \$15.00 Coats at..... \$6.98

Ladies' and Children's SHOES

Ladies' Pat. Colt. Skin Shoe, button or lace, dull calf upper, welted sole, \$3.00 for \$1.98 a pair

Ladies' Gun Metal, button or lace, Walking Boot, new, smart and durable, former price \$2.50, at..... \$1.79 a pair

Misses' High Cut Dongola Button Shoe, heavy sole, for winter wear, \$2.00 shoes for..... \$1.50

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important task which now devolves upon her.

That she will make a worthy successor to the first head of St. Vincent's is assured. Sister Alice is one of a number of the sisters of the order who has spent years in army hospital service. At the time of the Spanish-American war when the call was issued for nurses to take charge of the fever infected soldiers returning from the torrid climate she was one of the first to volunteer and she administered with rare fortitude and fidelity as a nurse till the close of the war when the service was discontinued.

Sister Laura was a native of Gettysburg, Pa. Her father was named Eckencrode and at an early age she was attracted to the work of the sisters of charity among the poor and she resolved to join the order and devote her life to nursing the ill and afflicted. She was splendidly educated and her marked capacity for business affairs won for her many well merited promotions.

MAYOR AT HARTFORD.

Mayor Lee, who is interested in the welfare of Congressman E. J. Hill, who is making a fight for the U. S. senatorship went to Hartford this morning to be present at the caucus.

Frank Callahan raised a disturbance on High street last night while in a intoxicated condition. He entered a residence on the street and refused to leave. He was arrested by Patrolman Poland and Dietz and landed in a cell at headquarters. Judge Pullman fined Callahan \$15 and costs and sent him to jail for 60 days to sober up.

The meat market of Daniel P. Black at 151 North avenue was entered by burglars last night and a quantity of provisions were stolen. The job is believed to be the work of tramps who make "The Ledge" just over the Trumbull line their camping place from whence they descend upon the city for provision. The goods taken consisted of meat and canned goods and a small amount of change which had been left in the money drawer.

The contract between Sharr, Tristano & Co. and the Congress street bridge commission for the construction of the proposed new bridge will be signed tomorrow. Senator Manwaring, who is the president of the commission is in Hartford to-day attending the caucus of the Republican members of the Assembly.

WANT ADS. CENT A WORD.